

TRINITY RIVER VISION

UPDATE

A PUBLICATION CONCERNING PROJECTS OF THE TRINITY RIVER VISION AUTHORITY

UTA Graduate Students Compete In Canalscape Contest

Shown here: First place design for "Cats Canal."

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New Trails, Better Signage, More Recreation – Oh My!

While the trails may not be paved with yellow brick, user groups from all across the city are ecstatic that their wishes for enhanced river amenities are beginning to come true.

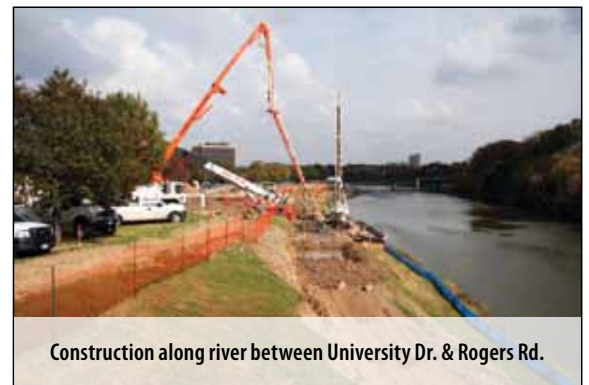
Construction crews have begun work along the Trinity River between University Dr. and Rogers Rd. to add head-in parking, restroom facilities, bike racks, updated signs for maps and community postings, a freeze-proof drinking fountain and a fishing pier. Crews will also lower the trail along the river, providing a more intimate connection with the river and a safer experience for users traveling underneath University Dr. and Rogers Rd.

“Working with our respected partner, the Tarrant Regional Water District, the area was recognized as having the amazing potential to set the standard as a riverfront gathering place for trail users and families alike,” said Streams and Valleys Executive Director Adelaide Leavens. “We are also very thankful to have received a grant from the Crystelle Waggoner Trust that helped us deliver this fantastic amenity to the community.”



Trail improvements will enhance overall user experience

The trailhead informally known as “The Hoffbrau Trailhead” will be given the official name of “Waggoner Trailhead” and will better serve the growing population of people who live near and visit that part of the trail.



Construction along river between University Dr. & Rogers Rd.

“The project along Rogers Road is only one example of the many projects yet to come as a part of the TRV Neighborhood & Recreation Enhancement Plan,” said Jim Oliver, General Manager of the Tarrant Regional Water District.

The Trinity River Vision Neighborhood and Recreation Enhancement Plan (NREP) is a partnered effort by the Tarrant Regional Water District, Streams and Valleys and the City of Fort Worth. The capital improvement plan will deliver over 90 projects inspired by users and neighborhood groups that will take the Trinity River in Fort Worth to a whole new level. The plan includes 35 miles of additional trails, sixteen new trailheads throughout the city, substantial upgrades to existing facilities, improved navigational signage and a recommendation to preserve 3,000 acres of dedicated open space.

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Work on the Waggoner Trailhead and associated improvements are expected to continue until the end of the year. An alternate route will be suggested for trail users who need to cross University Dr. until construction in the area has been completed.

**TRINITY RIVER VISION AUTHORITY
RECEIVES "M/WBE ADVOCATE
OF THE YEAR AWARD"**



FWMBCC board member Andre McEwing presents the award to TRVA Executive Director JD Granger

The Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce presented the MWBE Advocate of the Year Award to the TRVA project team at their 2009 Annual Luncheon for their continued commitment to minority and women-owned businesses.

"The TRVA continues to be committed to reaching out to the minority business community in an effort to build sustainable minority and women-owned business capacity within Tarrant County and Fort Worth," said presenter, Andre McEwing, a FWMBCC board member and president of Southeast Fort Worth, Inc.

As a result of the TRVA Fair Contracting Policy, the project currently has a 45 percent diverse business commitment.

Keeping it Local –Currently, over 50 firms in the region have received contracts to work on the Trinity River Vision project. In an effort to keep these dollars coming to our local economy, the TRVA is conducting a proactive outreach program – including educational workshops and an online vendor database – to prepare contractors for future bid opportunities.



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BE ON OUR
VENDOR
DATABASE!**

Visit www.trinityriver-

[vision.org](http://www.trinityriver-vision.org) and click on the Online Vendor Registration link to sign up to receive notifications for bid opportunities, educational workshops and networking events by email.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Contracting Schedule Workshop
January 11, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at the TRVA

Certification Workshop
January 25, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at the TRVA

Must register to attend. Details on the TRV web site.

**A New
TRV Web Site
Launching Soon!**

Be on the lookout for the new and improved www.trinityrivervision.org going online before the end of the year. The new website will feature updated project information, regular construction updates and much more.

Also be sure to follow the project on:



**New Trinity River Vision
Authority Board Member**



The Trinity River Vision Authority is proud to welcome its newest member to its board of directors, Tarrant County Commissioner Roy C. Brooks. Commissioner Brooks is replacing Tarrant County Judge B. Glen Whitley who has stepped down to serve as the recently elected First Vice President of the National Association of Counties.

Commissioner Brooks has a long, distinguished career in public service. He was first elected to the Tarrant County Commissioners Court in 2004 to represent Precinct One. Before joining the commissioners court, Brooks was elected to three terms to the Forest Hill City Council and previously served as Precinct Administrator for Tarrant County for 14 years.

The current members of the Trinity River Vision Authority Board of Directors are Tarrant County Administrator G.K. Maenius (President), Tarrant County Commissioner Roy C. Brooks, Fort Worth City Councilwoman Kathleen Hicks, Fort Worth City Manager Dale Fisseler, Tarrant Regional Water District board president Vic Henderson, Tarrant Regional Water District General Manager Jim Oliver and Streams and Valleys board member and co-chair of the TRV Master Plan Elaine Petrus.

**New Models On View
At TRV Education Center**

Stop by the Trinity River Vision Project Education Center and view preserved sections of the football field-size model built to test and confirm engineering data that will be used to build the Central City Project bypass channel. An interactive kiosk that plays a nine minute documentary about the modeling effort is also a part of the display.

Currently, two pieces are on display at the center – a section of the urban edge of the bypass channel and a replica of the Fort Worth and Western Railroad bridge that extends along the West Fork of the Trinity. The railroad bridge display is intended to be a 'traveling display' and will be placed at several locations throughout the next year.



The Fort Worth and Western Railroad bridge exhibit



The Trinity Point gate model is on display now

**Trinity River Vision in the Classroom:
UTA Grad Students Provide the
Project Team with a Fresh Perspective**



UTA grad students displayed their concepts to a panel of TRV team members



Left to right: Ryan W. Johnson, third place; Hae Young Lee, first place; Susan Justus, second place

Graduate students from the University of Texas at Arlington participating in an urban planning studio just wrapped up a seven week project where they were asked to develop mock concepts for one of the Trinity Uptown canals.

The students were directed to incorporate amenities such as landscaping, a public plaza, and public walkways while taking into consideration technical constraints such as utility corridors, varying elevations, storm water needs and water quality.

Trinity River Vision Authority staff and other team members were involved throughout the process, providing students with real-life scenarios and challenges.

"This project allows the students to expand their skill set beyond an academic exercise by introducing a life-like project program, timeline, research and conceptualization goals and requirements," said Taner R. Özdil, Ph.D., ASLA, assistant professor at the UTA School of Architecture. "Students will also have a chance to present their work to a group of stakeholders in a creative and collaborative environment and perhaps influence future decisions concerning the project."

At the end of the project, students presented their work to a group of project team members who selected first, second and third place winners.

"For me, to participate in this project is a new opportunity and new experience. I believe that this new development will also be a new opportunity and new experience to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan area and its residents for enjoying their life." Hae Young Lee, first-place winner

"Working on such a complex and socially current project at this point in graduate school is truly bringing all the bits and pieces that I have been trying to master for the past few years. It is inspiring to work with a client that is so obviously dedicated to the experience of place that will

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be had by the people utilizing the site under design." Susan Justus, second-place winner

"I feel like this is one of the most exciting and challenging projects to take place in North Texas. It gives me a great deal of pride to work on a project that has what I consider historical significance." Ryan W. Johnson, third-place winner

**Perspective Drawings from Hae Young Lee's
Winning Canal Concept**



View from 7th Street toward Ball Park



View from 5th Street toward the Canal

Illustrations shown here are student work and not part of the Trinity Uptown Plan.



2009 FRIENDS OF THE RIVER "PARTY IN THE PLAZA" WAS A MAJOR SUCCESS!

- ◆ 1,199 registered runners
- ◆ Approximately 250 "just want to party" attendees
- ◆ Food from 25 local restaurants
- ◆ Positive response to new venue at Montgomery Plaza and course in Trinity Park
- ◆ 75 volunteers including high schoolers from Paschal's Hispanic/Ebony Club, the Paschal Key Club and the Kiwanis Club

Streams and Valleys has embarked on an effort to plant daffodil bulbs throughout the river corridor. The flowers will bloom in early spring, providing a burst of color for trail enthusiasts. Shown here: A ceremonial bulb planting by Betsy Price, President Streams and Valleys, Inc.; Tarrant County College's Interim Chancellor, Erma Johnson-Hadley; Louise Appleman, President TCC Board of Trustees; and Vic Henderson, President Tarrant Regional Water District.



VISIT THE TRV EDUCATION CENTER




The Trinity River Vision education center is the perfect place for people looking to gain an in-depth understanding of the project. At the center you can view conceptual renderings and models, study up on project details and much more! Walk

through at your own pace or ask a TRVA staff member to give you a personal tour.


The TRV education center is located at 307 W. Seventh St. in downtown Fort Worth and is open to the public weekdays from 8 AM to 5 PM.

The US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce honored Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Rosa Navejar for her hard work at a reception held at the Trinity River Vision Authority Education Center on November 6.







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